
**Introduced by Senator Cedillo
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 38—Relative to Los Angeles Police Officer Steven Gajda Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 38, as introduced, Cedillo. Los Angeles Police Officer Steven Gajda Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified segment of State Highway Route 60 in the City of Los Angeles as the Los Angeles Police Officer Steven Gajda Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Steven Gajda was born on October 30, 1968, in
2 Parkridge, Illinois; and
3 WHEREAS, Steven Gajda served as a helicopter crew member
4 in the United States Army; and
5 WHEREAS, Steven Gajda entered the Los Angeles Police
6 Academy on May 21, 1990, where he earned a reputation as a
7 conscientious cadet; and
8 WHEREAS, After his appointment as an officer with the Los
9 Angeles Police Department, Steven Gajda was assigned to the
10 department's anti-gang unit, called the Community Resources
11 Against Street Hoodlums (CRASH) unit, which operates in the
12 most violent neighborhoods in Los Angeles; and

1 WHEREAS, Steven Gajda, while serving in the CRASH unit,
2 was shot on December 31, 1997, when identified gang members
3 wanted on murder charges were fleeing the scene of a New Year's
4 Eve disturbance; and

5 WHEREAS, Steven Gajda died from these injuries the following
6 day, January 1, 1998, his wife's birthday; and

7 WHEREAS, The men and women of law enforcement have the
8 unenviable task of guaranteeing the public's safety, and it is as
9 difficult and dangerous as it is important, as evidenced by the death
10 of Steven Gajda who was killed in the line of duty; and

11 WHEREAS, Steven Gajda was known as an officer who was
12 willing to accept responsibility and for his humor and artistic
13 talents, drawing caricatures that showed life with the CRASH unit,
14 and his spirit always brought support to his fellow officers; and

15 WHEREAS, Steven Gajda is survived by his wife, Belinda; his
16 children, Brandon and Brittany; his father, Steve; his mother,
17 Christine Hester; and his brothers, Mark, Scott, and Brian; and

18 WHEREAS, It would be a fitting tribute to Steven Gajda to
19 name a segment of State Highway Route 60 as the Los Angeles
20 Police Officer Steven Gajda Memorial Highway; now, therefore,
21 be it

22 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
23 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
24 segment of State Highway Route 60 between its interchange with
25 State Highway Route 10 at post-mile .118 and the Indiana Street
26 overpass at post-mile 1.94 in the City of Los Angeles as the Los
27 Angeles Police Officer Steven Gajda Memorial Highway; and be
28 it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
30 to determine the cost of erecting appropriate signs, consistent with
31 the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing
32 this special designation and, upon receiving donations from
33 nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs;
34 and be it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
36 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
37 author for appropriate distribution.

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